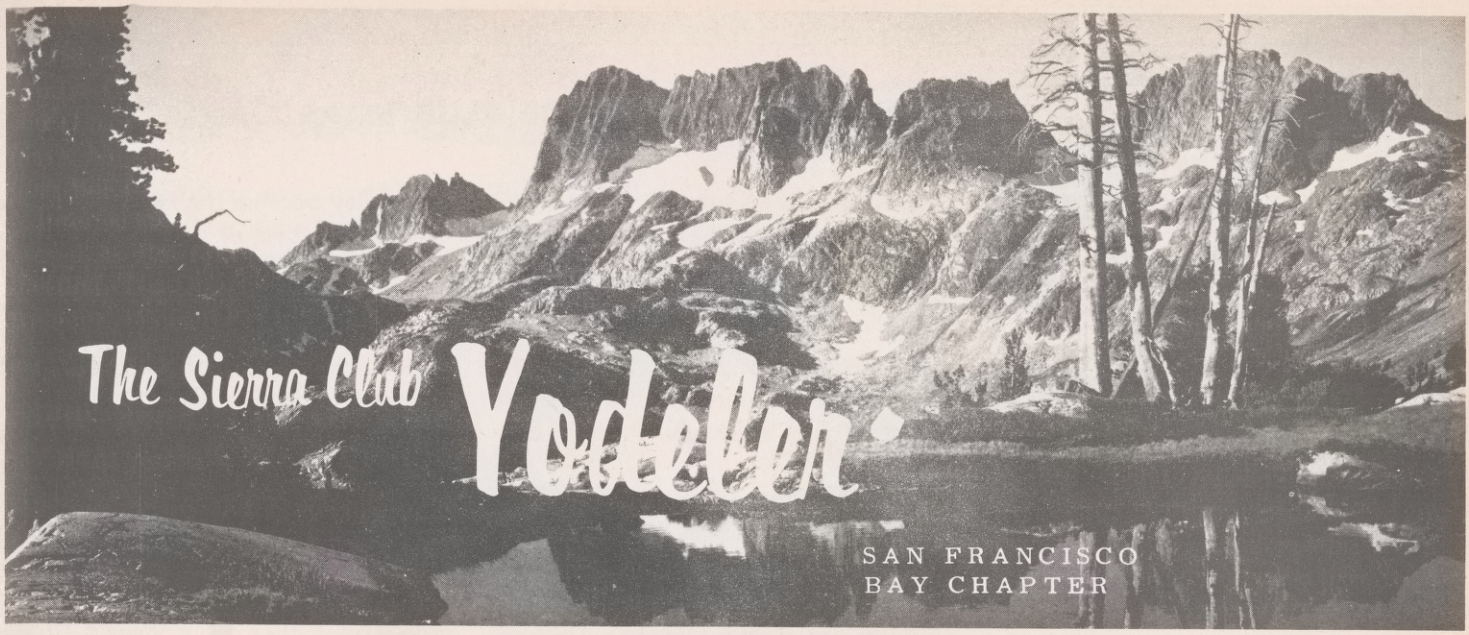


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New Club Board, Council Hear Reports on Growth, Conservation, New Chapter

Every Board and Council meeting seems to end in the same way. There is a flurry of hasty goodbyes, a jumbled mass of papers, and only an hour or so to Yodeler deadline. So if your news is incomplete it is at least new.

Election of officers was first order of business in both Board and Council. Dr. Harold Bradley will be President of the Club for a second year, Nathan Clark was elected Vice-President, Lewis F. Clark remains Secretary, Richard Leonard will be Treasurer and the fifth member of the Executive Committee will be Charlotte Mauk.

The Council elected Randal Dickey (S.F. Bay) as Chairman. Presumably he will now fall heir to those neat and impressive files set up by pioneer chairman Kathy Jackson, who has done so fine a job as first chairman of the Council. Vice-Chairman is Roy Dubisch (Tehipite), Secretary is Walter Ward (Loma Prieta) and the fourth and fifth members of the Executive Committee are Kathleen Jackson (Los Padres) and Jim Gorin (Angles). No one can say that committee does not fully represent the Club.

Internal affairs of the Club were discussed at the opening of the Board meeting. The Directors were happy to welcome William E. Colby, Honorary

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GOOD CHEER, SIGNS OF SPRING ADORN CLUB'S ANNUAL DINNER

The whole gang turned out for the Annual Dinner Saturday night, including a few Loma Prietans. By the gang we mean 535 Sierra Clubbers, the largest number ever to attend an SC dinner.

Signs of spring were about, with paper dogwood blossoms adorning branches of knob cone pine, juniper, manzanita, and madroño, on the tables. Happily the dinner itself was more than adequate, so the centerpieces were spared for visual pleasure.

After everyone was aglow with good food and company, Ned Robinson, dinner chairman, introduced Club president Harold Bradley, who in turn introduced members of the head table. There were, to mention only a few, Lawrence Merriam, Regional Director, National Park Service; Charles Connaughton, Regional Forester, USFS; Nelson Elliott, local head of the Fish and Wildlife Service; and the Club's newest Director, Lowell Sumner.

From the dinner tables, we strolled out into the foyer to have a closer look at the exhibits, which were done under the supervision of Ned Jack. There were mannequins (at least we don't believe they were real people) dressed in the typical garb of different activities of SC, and showing equipment used for them. The only thing that troubled us about them was the drooping head of the figure in the fiberglass boat. Photographs around the walls included shots of conservation techniques, high mountain trips, and Dave Simons' pictures of the Northern Cascades.

Will Siri, resplendent in a tuxedo, introduced us to the Antarctic by saying that he was a penguin in disguise. Everybody was fascinated by his pictures, particularly shots of the huge icebergs breaking apart, the unexplored mountain ranges, and a most inter-

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MUIR TOUR TREATS

Two special bonuses are planned for those who go on the John Muir Tour May 10.

First, Mrs. Sax, owner of the Muir home, will take hikers through the house from stem to stern for 50 cents per person.

This 1:30 p.m. tour makes it important that all hikers meet at 9 a.m. *sharp* for the six-mile jaunt.

Second, Frank Swett, 88, will share some of his memories of Muir with the hikers.

Those interested should call either leader (see Schedule) up to midnight, Friday, for directions and rides.

Bring water—none is available.

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KAMP PACK BURNS

The wrapper of the company's Kamp Pack dehydrated food products has been modified in construction so that its foil liner oxidizes on a hot campfire, according to Frank S. Bernard of the San Jose Division, Bernard Food Industries.

Writing to the Anti-Litter Committee, he adds: "From the clean-camp notice we are deleting the words 'to be buried', and we are advocating the burning of the wrapper or the complete carrying out . . . We are having 10,000 of these leaflets printed and each package going out of our plants will contain the notice."

The Conservation Committee recommends that campers in the Sierra region follow exclusively the practice of packing out of the mountains all the trash that does not burn on the campfire.

—Fred Eissler

The Rock Climbing Section Climbing School will start May 18th at 9:30 a.m. Indian Rock. For further information contact Bob Hill, THornwall 5-7627. V.H.

MORE ON MEETING OF CLUB BOARD AND COUNCIL

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President of the Club, who announced that Helen Muir had now presented to the Sierra Club more than 200 letters written to her by her father John Muir. Mr. Colby has had copies of these letters made and advised that the originals be deposited in the Bancroft Library for safekeeping and easy access.

The Directors heard that the Club has 12,370 members as of May 1. We are still growing and have 577 more members than last year but that is only 50% of last year's increase. Must be a recession around here somewhere.

The new north coast chapter, our 13th, was officially approved and welcomed though the name is not yet settled. Frank Havner, chairman, and Pat Noonan as Council delegate (alternative) attended both meetings. It was good to have them there and we hope they were not too exhausted from absorbing concentrated knowledge of Club affairs hour after hour.

Conservation items discussed at the Board meeting. The Executive Director reported that the Wilderness Bill may get out of the Committee with a favorable vote. The departments of Interior and Agriculture are, we hope, working on revised statements to go with the revised version of this bill. Have you thought of writing to tell your representative that you are personally interested in this bill? They will be looking for a vote from you this fall.

Mr. Engle's bill to permit purchase of land at El Portal for use by Yosemite National Park is now introduced. It will need support if it is to pass at this session. Yosemite problems were discussed at length. Mr. Lawrence Merriam, Regional Director of the Park Service, described what would be cleared out when the new Curry warehouse is completed (see last Yodeler). It seems an impressive list. Three acres of temporary buildings, and several other structures, will be razed. Work is starting on it now. The "idealist" view that no new permanent warehouse building should be put in the Valley because the long range plan calls for removal of such structures to El Portal in the future brought out a lively debate.

Embedded in Olympic National Park is a small strip of coastline called the Ozette Indian Reservation. The last Indian is now dead and there is a bill pending which would transfer this strip to another Indian tribe who would undoubtedly sell the logging rights. Olympic Park is not yet up to its authorized size so Mr. Merriam hopes there may be a chance to acquire this strip for the Park, though the procedure of doing this is not yet clear.

The Bristlecone Pines are to have their ranger guard as soon as the road is open, Mr. Millard Barnum (Forest Service) reported, but the application to close the area to entry for mining has not yet been granted. At least we hope there will be no carving of initials on the trees while the ranger watches over them.

The Council meeting will be reported by our special Council correspondent, Roy Dubisch. Now that he is Vice-Chairman he should be very close to the source of news, and very able to pass it on to the Chapters.

—C.M.C.

The Whole Gang Was There

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esting dry canyon with a detached remnant of a glacier down the middle of it.

Scenes of ice formation and ice flow were unique, as were the crevass detectors, huge platters reaching out of the fronts of the tractors. It is of note that Will Siri and Nello Pace were envied their cold weather equipment by the other IGY people.

More alluring movies followed, this time of the Northern Cascades, and shown by Dave Brower.

Georgella Perry and Ned Robinson are to be profusely thanked for their wonderful evening.

—D.B.

CAMERAMEN SOUGHT FOR CONSERVATION FILMSTRIP

Movies are better than ever! The Conservation Education Committee thinks so anyway. They are looking for lensmen to take pictures for a film strip now being prepared on "Conservation—What it Means." Production is scheduled for late spring.

Now that good weather is in sight (sic) and most of the rain is behind us, why not break out that camera or snapshot collection of yours and see what you have or can get by way of pictures to help them with their project. Local areas close to San Francisco are to be featured in the first strip but all photos which meet the following standards (or even come close) are welcomed. Picture credits of course!

Here are the guide lines the Committee plans to use in the final selection. Many club members may already have suitable snapshots to draw on from collections of their own. The more ambitious, it is hoped, will go out and take what they need when inclination and spirits permit.

Your photographs should:

- Evoke or express the dominant mood of the area or the feeling it gives you.
- Create a desire to go see the area or participate in activity in some way.
- Use people in it only to focus attention to the natural scene, not distract from it. People should not wear distinctive contemporary dress so that the picture becomes "dated" by the costume worn.

Black and white photographs of good quality are preferred. Artistic, arresting or unusual photos, even of familiar scenes, will take precedence over technically perfect ones. Any and all club cameramen are invited to accept the challenge. And any and all snapshots that meet the above standards are sought. Very sharp 35mm colored pictures are acceptable if they lend to black and white reproduction.

Areas for which photographs are especially needed include:

Mt. Diablo
Green Belt Parks
Las Trampas Ridge
Presidio Canyon
Ft. Cronkite
Briones Valley
San Pablo Reservoir
Regional Parks
Arroyo del Valle
Upper Alameda Creek
Mount Hamilton
Grizzly Island and Franks Tract
Crystal Springs Res.
Samuel Taylor Park
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Car Campers Take on Northern Coast

The Car Camping Section finally had an opportunity to go car camping. Having lost out on their Pinnacles trip scheduled for the last weekend in March, they threatened the weatherman with horrible threats if he didn't put a good tight leash on Jupe Pluvius and keep J.P. away from Russian Gulch the last weekend in April. He acceded to their threats and 32 persons hauled their gear out of closets and inaugurated the season.

At campfire Saturday night and on the hike Sunday from Van Damme State Park to Pigmy Forest, the campers were entertained by park personnel (headed by Supervisor Trigiero, who spent off-duty time talking with them) with stories about the early history of the region, including an attempted explanation of the never-really-explained phenomenon of why the trees in Pigmy Forest are only a foot or two high, while nearby trees are normal size.

The campers also learned about how fast rain-swollen creeks do not recede. On the way from Van Damme to Pigmy Forest, they crossed the creek —without benefit of bridge or rock. Then they crossed it again farther along—and again—and again. After six or seven crossings, made by some with shoes on and by others with shoes off, they finally reached Pigmy Forest.

HOBBY HIKERS DISPLAY VARIED INTERESTS

The Second Annual Hobby Hike, with hobbies ranging from movie-making to sketching and sunbathing, attracted 44 persons to Bootjack April 26.

In the morning Hazel Eggett set up a device for displaying the text of a religious pageant, and filmed it for future use. Hazel also helped the perennial anti-litterbug campaign by snagging gum wrappers and orange peels with a gadget resembling a combination pogo stick and penny arcade claw machine. There were unconfirmed rumors that she offered to race the ranger with his standard pail-on-the-end-of-a-pole trash pickup tool from Mountain Home to Bootjack, to see who could pick up the mostest debris fastest.

Marie Mans took her birdwatching gear to Rock Springs to see what birds were there to be watched.

An unidentified quartet pulled out a pack of cards and played bridge. A troop of Boy Scouts, not part of the Hobby Hike, built a monkey bridge, but the bridge players wouldn't play on it.

In the afternoon a leisurely stroll took those who weren't completely enervated by the sun to Mountain Home and West Point, then back to Bootjack, just as the wind came up and people were eager to start homeward. —A.R.

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MOUNTAIN-EARS HEAR

I sent you a postcard from Mexico like Stanton Delaplane does in the Chronicle, but mine didn't get here in time for the issue. (It's nice in Mexico —we didn't climb any mountains, but we sure caught a mess of fish.)

I might add there are mountains in Mexico—but we didn't go where they were—some club members may have received a letter some time back from the Club De Exploraciones de Mexico, an organization for the promotion of hiking and mountaineering, which is gathering a fund of Six Thousand Dollars for the purchase of a new 32-passenger autobus. This Club organizes from eight to 13 different trips every Sunday (wow!); this omnibus would be used only on those routings that are difficult or impossible to put over with the Public Bus Service. It was also brougt out in this letter that all money donated to this fund would not be touched for any purpose whatsoever except for the omnibus. The founder of the Club is Otis McAllister, a member of the Sierra Club, who took part in the 1955-1957 Sierra Club High Trips.

Jim Vietk came out of hibernation long enough to go on the May 4 hike where he invited all to come and see the house he has been building during his hibernation.

Weddings bells rang for *Elizabeth Haviside* and M. S. Noorzog.

Frederick Peake has just returned from a three-month cruise trip which included New Zealand, Tasmania, Australia, and many islands in the South Pacific.

The Annual Banquet, I hear, was a success—congratulations, Georgella.

—N.P.

OUR FAR-FLUNG CORRESPONDENT IN GERMANY

Buying a ticket in Kobenhaun, Denmark for the country they call Tyskland, I arrived in Deutschland and found myself still saying Tak instead of Danke Schon.

I found the American Army has a large recreation center running many fine tours which they were willing to let me go on if I could pay in American money. Is that money situation complicated! There's Deutschmarks, American money, and military script —three kinds. Sometimes they will only take one kind but you get change in one of the others.

I toured the Hitler area (Obersalsburg) on an Army tour, with English-speaking German guides, including a visit to the underground tunnels and bunkers. The former owner, who didn't want to sell to Hitler, died in a camp for such cases, but now his daughter owns it. Oberssalsburg means over salt mountain, and later I visited the salt mines underneath. Into the mountain, half a mile on a train, sliding to lower levels on a "children's playground" slide, through long tunnels past shrines of back-lit, translucent salt blocks, across large lakes on boats — fascinating!

Later the Army was glad to let me have skis for 50c a day, and I skied above nearby Konigsee, just me and about five ski-patrol. Terrific snow, terrible visibility. Included in the run is about 1,500 feet of narrow, fast trail on a precipitous hillside—didn't dare get off the trail, no room to christie—had to fall to reduce excessive speed.

Garmisch und der Zogspitze. Here another Army center was glad to rent me skis—$1 a day—and I went up the cog-wheel railroad. The last few miles are in a tunnel,, ending in an underground station at the hotel. Coming out on the hotel terrace I can't ever remember being so impressed—a tremendous panorama of snow-covered, jagged peaks as far as could be seen, of indescribably glorious beauty. The hotel is high on a steep avalanche slope of an enormous ski bowl, just 5 minutes by telefique from the Zkgspitze summit. This is the highest point in Germany. It is on or near the Austrian border, and you can also see into Italy and Switzerland — four countries. Plenty of snow here—skiing is from October to July. While on the T-bar I heard a roar and may have gotten out my camera in time to catch an avalanche that even Earl Oliver couldn't have ridden.

Bavaria generally, particularly Berchtesgaden, is just lovely. Picturesque muralled buildings on narrow winding hillside streets, the simply charming atmosphere of the old-world both outside and in the cafes gives a feeling of warmth unlike anything at home. I can't describe it. It's hard to realize that this area was so different under the prior regime.

Germany is now a land of beautiful cameras and the scenery to use them on—I felt that my Kodachrome was unreeling almost as fast as if I'd had a movie camera.

—H.F.

IN MEMORIAM

The Club is poorer for the recent death of two members.

Dr. Otto Barkan, a member since 1931, died April 28. An eminent eye specialist, he was also an ardent skier and one of the first skiers in the Donner summit area.

Brian Daly, a former Library volunteer, was drowned at Stinson Beach last weekend.

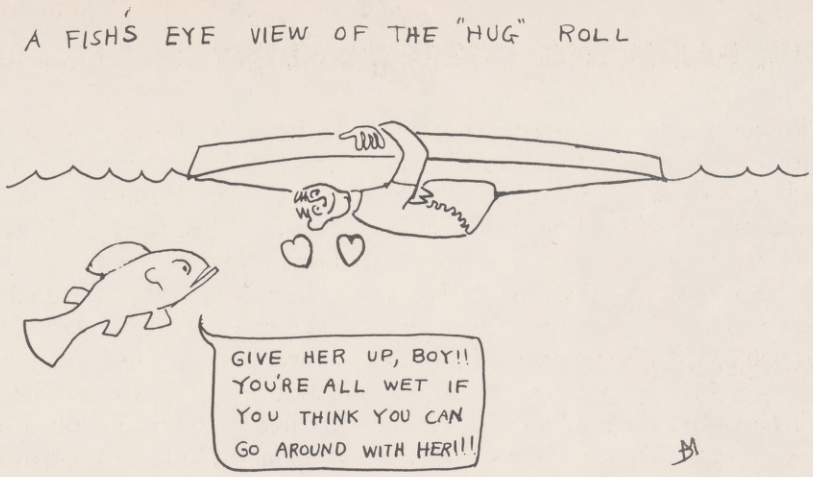
Vote First, Eat Later, at West Point Anniversary

West Point Club knows how to get a turnout for its annual election of Directors. You have to vote before you can eat.

The election will be May 25 at 10:45 a.m., followed by smorgasbord lunch prepared by Tillie Smedberg at 1 p.m. Cost, $2.50 per head.

Reservations should be made by May 20 with Amy Deeter, 2440 Market Street.

A special program will follow the luncheon.





The River Touring Section has really gotten started. Our next trip over May 10th and 11th is on the Mokelumne below Penn Mine. Hope to see all you boaters and enthusiasts there. Our next regular club meeting is to be held on May 13th, Tuesday evening, at the Old Boat House on Lake Merritt. Come and get the latest news on the Club River Trip—particularly the Salmon. Lou Elliott, chairman of the River Touring Committee, will give us a *first hand account* of Idaho's Scenic Paradise, the Salmon River Country. He may also be able to explain why all those who return from "The River of No Return" have such fabulous tales to tell! Advance reservations for the Club Salmon River Trip far exceed those of any other, and the Outing Committee has authorized a second trip starting Sunday, August 3, to take care of the enthusiastic Foldboaters and Rafters.

Our weekend trip for both advanced boaters and beginners on the American River was a happy one for all of the twenty folks who were free to participate. Arrangements for meeting for dinner on Sunday night were a bit fouled up, but nonetheless we had as much chicken as we possibly could eat on Saturday night. This I am sure sort of dampened the loss on Sunday.

This past weekend Roger Pris was down to help run thru the Slalom techniques and those who were free went up to the Russian River to take in his impromptu class. We will report further in the next edition.

By the way, have you boaters forgotten about our Monday night sessions at the Temescal Pool where you can practice those Eskimo rolls or half turns? We have two or three more Monday night sessions. Why don't you make it a point to get out to at least one of them. Last week three of us and some guests had a fine time. The water was warm and the air was cold, but we did have a fine evening of practice.

—E. Ridge

RTS Has Impulse Practice On Slaloms, 'Hug' Rolls

A spur-of-the-moment practice on the Russian River was held May 3-4 by Roger Paris, Elsa Bailey and others. A slalom course was set up two miles downstream from Squaw Rock just below a rapid. Both fast and slow water were included in the course. The water was warm, according to Elsa, who had been practicing on the Truckee during the week. She is getting ready for the Salida, Colorado, race in June. She concentrated on slalom turns, tipping enough to bring water up to the coaming of the cockpit.

Red Cockerline spent Saturday morning scouting a beginners' run scheduled for May 18 between Cloverdale and Healdsburg.

Sunday morning more people arrived. Altogether, eight boats and Connie Freydig's dog, Pirate, were going in, out and around slalom gates. The water was warm enough to practice "Eskimo" rolls, so Bryce Whitmore demonstrated the "hug" roll, which consists of nonchalantly hugging the bottom of the boat while upside down in the water, then finding the paddle and making a recovery. Glenn Gaumer also demonstrated a complete roll when he hit a rock on the down-river run later in the afternoon.

The rocks were more prominent than two weeks ago when the water was at least two feet higher.

—Connie Freydig

Teaching Conservation To Conservationists

The hikers who followed Dick Monges from Mill Valley to Bootjack for the Tamalpais Conservation Club meeting, May 4, really learned what conservation is all about.

Leading the group around the south side of the mountain, via the railroad grade and Murray and Hoo-Koo-E-Koo trails, instead of by the usual direct route, Dick stopped several times to point out the work done in Marin County by conservation clubs.

Sierra Club member Vivian Steeves, newly-elected president of TCC, was introduced at the meeting, and Walt Rivers told of SC activities when representatives of all the conservation clubs described their organizations' programs.

The announcement that attracted the most attention was one by the Nature Friends that hiking club members planning a trip to the Brussels Fair can arrange through Nature Friends to camp on the fairgrounds in an area reserved for members of European clubs with which that organization is affiliated.



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Trustees for Conservation Appeals for Funds, Letters

Trustees for Conservation is appealing for funds to finance legislative representation on behalf of the Wilderness Bill, and letters to support the Bill.

The Trustees, a non-profit organization dedicated to keeping the wilderness wild, asks that all interested in wildenress write their congressmen or senators urging support of the Bill.

The letter points out that TFC employs a legislative representative to work full time in Washington on their programs, and that to do this and to distribute educational materials on conservation of wilderness requires money.

TFC was created to insure that other conservation groups could maintain their tax-exempt status, without fear that their support of legislation might cause them to lose that status.

Contributions may be sent to Trustees for Conservation, 251 Kearny St., San Francisco 8. Contributions are tax-deductible.—H.H.

Knapsacking, Car Camping On View at E. B. Dinner

To enjoy scenic resources . . .

That's one of the purposes of the Sierra Club. The East Bay Dinner has just the thing to help novices start the summer off right in its May 26 program.

We'll have Doug Peterson and Pauline Praasterink, chairman of the Knapsacking and Car Camping Committees, to explain the activities of these two groups and show equipment and pictures. Betty Christeler will probably have her knapsacking food display.

Even if you're an old hand at these activities we know you'll enjoy the pictures. Please phone Edith Pierce by 10 p.m., May 26, at KEllog 2-4506 for your 6:30 p.m. dinner reservation at Willard school cafeteria, Berkeley.

—Elaine Carl

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More signups are needed for several of the Club's summer outings. All promise fun and memorable experiences for those who participate.

Dinosaur Outings Nos. 1 and 2 are six-day trips through one of the most beautiful and least-known spots in the west. They begin June 17 and June 25.

The Northern Cascades beckon others, especially during the third week (Aug. 20 on).

Two knapsack trips seek more Clubbers to join the fun—the Aug. 16 jaunt to Deadman and the July 28 outing to Salmon La Sac, Wash.

For the less active, Base Camp No. 1, beginning July 13, shows off more of the inaccessible beauty—to the city-bound—of the west.

Full details on all these trips are in the March Bulletin. Reservations may be made at the Club office.